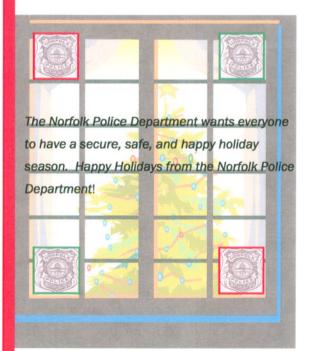
If an incident does occur provide the police with details!

Notify the police immediately with the following: Suspect's race, sex, approximate age, clothing description, height, weight, and physical features, (glasses, facial hair, tattoos, etc.,) last location/ direction/mode of travel (bike, vehicle, license plate, state, color, model, etc).

Most importantly stay alert, stay vigilant, and stay safe this holiday season!



Happy Holidays!



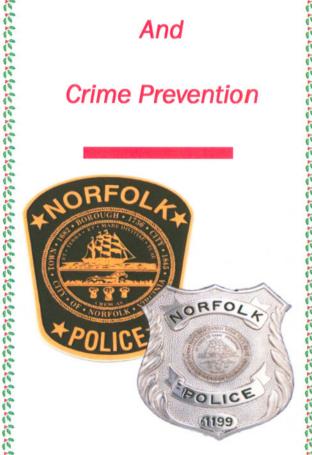
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Holiday Safety

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SAFE HOLIDAY TIPS

From

The Norfolk Police Department

As a crime prevention measure during the holiday season, the Norfolk Police Department would like to remind the community that many of our activities increase the potential for victimization. Criminals are aware that people carry more cash on their persons and make more purchases during the holidays. Your assistance is needed in reducing the number of larcenies from vehicles. These items usually include purses, wallets, cell phones, laptops, GPS, and handbags. You can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a larceny, robbery or burglary by following a few crime prevention practices.

Lock up your valuables!

At Home or Shopping: Lock them inside your car trunk or keep them with you (DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS UNATTENDED). If you must leave packages or valuables in your vehicle make sure they are hidden from view, preferably locked in the trunk.

At your Business or Work: Lock them inside your office, desk drawer, cabinet, or just keep them with you. Again (DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS UNATTENDED).

Keep a list of property serial numbers to aid police in the event property does turn up missing or stolen.

Tighten security practices!

Most thieves look for opportunities to test the security of residences and businesses.

At Home: Do not leave unlocked doors or windows and be sure not to open a door to anyone you do not recognize.

At your Business or Work: Have someone available to greet anyone who enters the business to be sure they are there for a legitimate reason. Suggest to employees not to prop open/leave unlocked outer security/delivery/stairwell doors during smoke breaks or loading times and to be sure doors are relocked and that no one has entered who they do not recognize.

Advise security or call police if something appears suspicious!

In your Community, at Home, at your Business, or at Work: Thieves often pose as delivery personnel, couriers, job applicants, new employees, as relatives of employees, as someone looking for a restroom, or as other seemingly legitimate persons.

Many thieves walk through neighborhoods and through businesses to see if they get stopped or questioned or to test any security measures that possibly may be in place. These individuals are prepared and will attempt to use false explanations.

Do not be afraid to question <u>anyone</u> you may be in doubt of. Have a security person or police investigate the individual <u>as soon as possible.</u>